

MOUNTAIN ADVOCATE.

Entered as Second-Class Matter Friday, February 19th, 1904 at the Postoffice at Barbourville, Knox County, Ky., under Act of Congress of March 3rd, 1879.
MOTTO:—LIVE FOR OUR FRIENDS—DO THE GREATEST AMOUNT OF GOOD WE CAN TO THE LARGEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE.

Terms: \$1. Per Year In Advance.

BARBOURVILLE, KENTUCKY, FRIDAY, MAY 20, 1904.

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Car-
Load
of
Wagons
Surreys
Buggies
@
Spring-
Wagons

DAN. H. WILLIAMS

Has just received a carload of
**Light Running Corydon
WAGONS.**

This is a new wagon with Big Oak
Hubs and Hickory Axles also have a
Carload of Buggies, Surreys and
Spring wagons. No use to mention
prices--You Know Me.

DAN. H. WILLIAMS

BE CAREFUL

About Tearing Down or De-
facing signs.

There seems to be some persons in and around this town who take delight in tearing down advertising signs, and if the practice is not stopped some one will have to pay the penalty.

A few days ago we printed and posted a number of cards advertising the MOUNTAIN ADVOCATE, and placed them in some of the most conspicuous points about the town and they were immediately torn down by some evil-minded persons.

We also printed and had posted a large number of candidates' cards and a great many of them suffered the same fate. We are not the only ones who have a grievance. Others have been tacking signs and bills throughout the town, only to be followed by some worthless, mischievous boys tearing them down and destroying them.

For the benefit of such who think they are having fun at some one else's expense, we quote from the City Ordinances of Barbourville, Ky., Sec. 50:

TEARING OR DEFACEING SIGNS, ETC.

"That if any person within the City of Barbourville shall tear down any advertisement required by law, or for the sale of property, put up by any officer or commissioner authorized to make sale of such property by execution, judgment or order of sale, or otherwise before the time of sale mentioned in it, or deface or destroy any sign or advertisement, or injure any shade tree or shrubbery, not on his own property, or shall remove, destroy or injure any mark or monument designing the boundaries of the city or streets, alleys, etc., of same, he shall be fined not exceeding thirty dollars."

We do not wish to see any one punished, but we shall endeavor to see that the custom of destroying advertising signs is stopped or we will endeavor to have the offenders punished to the extent of the law, and we believe we have all the good people of the town to back us in this movement. Now be careful how you destroy these advertising signs hereafter.

BOARDING.

All persons wishing accommodations at
The World's Fair, St. Louis,
can make arrangements for same by
addressing Mrs. G. W. BAILEY,
3229, Pine St.
Rates \$1.50 to \$2.00 per day.
Special rates to Parties.

ONLY ELEVEN

More Days Until the Hand-
some Premiums Will be
Given Away.

The time is rapidly drawing to a close when we will give to the lucky ones the three handsome premiums we promised to the winners in the contest.

There has been some little interest shown in the matter, but some of the contestants have not labored as earnestly as they might have done. We propose to give the prizes just the same, and the winners will receive their reward. Now, if you fail it is no fault of ours. The plan has been conducted fairly and honestly, and while it has not been the success in increasing our list that we had hoped to see, yet we feel that it has done good, and we have no regrets in this matter. This much we can say, we offered valuable prizes to induce agents to work; if they allow the opportunity to go by and fail to win, the fault is all their own.

We wish to thank those who have labored for the advancement of the paper and strived to increase its circulation, and we believe that without a single exception every subscriber has been entirely satisfied with the paper. We propose to continue to furnish our readers with an up-to-date newspaper and trust that the circulation may continue to grow until the ADVOCATE may become a part of every household in the county.

Effusions from Colonel Noah Lockhart.

MR. EDITOR:—
I was in Barbourville since I last wrote you, and had a pleasant conversation with two nice ladies, and all the sweet talk that could be imagined we had, and as our hearts beat

And every day and every hour,
Let me feel thy love and power.

The question before us now is the candidates for the various offices, and they are hatching out every day. May we be enabled to select from the list the men who will be the best qualified for the offices, and God save the Commonwealth,

Come, dear widows, for all things
are now ready,
Don't get excited nor mad,
If you don't get in the Ark,
You will forever wish you had.

Yours sincerely,
NOAH LOCKHART,
Bailey's Switch, Ky.
P. S.—God bless the dear editor and dear ones in his home.

SUBLIME

Scenery Which Meets the
Eye as we Gaze Upon
Nature as it Sur-
rounds Us.

A few evenings ago we took a stroll, and standing on the Cumberland river bridge, we watched the sun as it sank to rest behind the western horizon. When it had disappeared from our view and cast its halo all about us we turned and looked, to behold the beauty and the grandeur of nature as it thus surrounded us with mountains on all sides covered in green forests and gentle zephyrs laden with the sweet perfume of the blossoms that were bursting forth on every side, and here and there a plot of green grass where the plow of the farmer had not turned the sod, while over our heads the fleecy clouds were floating lazily, and bearing upon their fringed borders the reflection of the last rays of the setting sun.

Beneath our feet rolled the crystal waters of the Cumberland river flowing on in its course to the sea, while along the banks the willows were blowing and reaching out their branches as if bidding the waters a last farewell.

Did you ever take such a view of nature and study its beauties and reflect upon the goodness of the Creator and thought of the many blessings with which he has surrounded us? If not, you have lost a great deal in this life. But it is not too late to begin now; the world is filled with all these charming scenes, and if you can not stand on the bridge and behold the landscape, you can stand at your own front gate and see many, many beauties in nature that you have seen a hundred times, and yet you have failed to behold its beauties and its grandeur before.

CARTRIDGES

Placed on Street Car Rails
Liable to Cause Serious
Trouble.

Last Saturday morning some one wilfully placed a large Winchester cartridge on the track of the street car in front of the Knox Hotel, and it was exploded by the car on the trip to meet the north bound train, but luckily no one was hurt, although it caused considerable excitement on the street.

Some time during last Sunday night another lot of these dangerous shells were scattered along the rails, one of them being a large Springfield rifle cartridge, but luckily they were so placed that only the bullets were mashed by the car and the cap was not mashed.

This is indeed a reckless and dangerous prank, if prank it is, and it is a great wonder that some one has not been killed by it.

The guilty parties, whoever they are, should they be apprehended, will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

It is hoped that this warning to the guilty ones will have the desired effect and that they refrain from further attempts at such dangerous business, and if not, we hope to see them caught and severely punished as they deserve to be.

50 PER CENT

Raised on all Knox County property
by Board of Equalization.

To the Mountain Advocate:

The State Board of Equalization at Frankfort has made a general raise of the assessed values of the lands and personal property of Knox county of fifty per cent. This is very unusual and quite out of proportion. The board is composed of the State Auditor and seven members selected by the Legislature, and they meet at Frankfort. They know nothing of our property values, and have made this enormous raise. This is a great injustice to our people who have given in their lists properly and honestly under oath. The man who has sworn that his farm is worth \$1,000 is required under this raise to pay tax on \$1,500, and the man whose tax would have been ten dollars is now fifteen. This applies to all State and county taxes on every thing except town lots.

This will take from our people in Knox county many thousand dollars if it is allowed to stand. Our taxes are already excessive, and if this raise made by this State Board is allowed to go unchanged, it will cause many of our people to have to make sacrifices of their property to pay their taxes.

The State Board meets at Frankfort on the 17th of June for the purpose of hearing evidence, if any we have, to show why this raise should not be made. We have abundant evidence and many reasons to offer against this. The county can send at its expense five witnesses, but this is not enough. We should make an effort to be relieved of this oppressive tax raise. I suggest that the people of each voting precinct of the county send one or more representatives and witnesses to Frankfort to go before the board on that day. This can be done by small contributions of the citizens, and will cost no one but little, and will save our county and our people many thousands of dollars. I further suggest that as many citizens as can make it convenient, attend the meeting of the board and protest against this action. I am willing to go and pay my own expenses and do what little I can to relieve our people, and I will also contribute to the expenses of others who will go.

We have many citizens who are more able to do this than I am. Let us join in an effort.

If we act promptly, unanimously and with discretion I believe we can get relief. If we do not accomplish our purpose we may expect a re-occurrence next year and until something is done.

Respectfully,
F. D. SAMPSON.

The Jim Howard Fund.

This office had collected and reported up to last week for the aid of Jim Howard the sum of \$ 50.00
Received this week 7.50

Total \$ 57.50

Mr. W. B. Dizney, of Grays, in reporting for this, says:

DEAR SIR:—You will please find enclosed \$7.50 for the benefit of James Howard. I have not had time to give this justice, but you can place this amount to his benefit and oblige the Republicans of this district.

I remain yours very truly,
W. B. DIZNEY,
Grays, Ky.

REPLY

To Mr. Noah Lockhart from
Missouri.

Bynumville, Mo., 5, 13, 1904.

KIND EDITOR:—

May I come for a social chat with Ma. Noah Lockhart? Well, well, I am a widow and a jolly good one at that. I live in one mile and a half of Bynumville, Mo., and want to marry the worst of any one you ever saw. I am only fifteen hands high; that may be taller than you like, and I am sure* if I had you I would wear the breeches; there would be no mistake about that at all. I have been hunting for some one for some time

That is not blind and can keep out of the ditches,
But I fear if I had you that I couldn't get to do nothing but patch your breeches;

And I do not like that all, for I am the sweetest and the laziest little woman you ever saw. You did not say how old you were, so please tell me how old you are, the color of your eyes and how tall you are, and the color of your hair.

But remember, dear little one, I do not want a man that is too old to put his breeches on.

My hair is black with a few gray locks, and I have to wear spectacles.

Say, dear, there is one behind you now that will catch you all right, right, right, but I don't feel like I would be safe in Noah's Ark with you, for I fear you are one of the blessed devil's angels. Now, dearest one, if you will promise me to have an organ sitting in the house when I come to Bailey's Switch for me to play upon, for I am a great musician and enjoy it just fine; and remember you will have to keep a hired girl so I can study music, for I can do nothing else, for I don't know how to do anything but play on the organ and patch breeches.

The red headed girl is all O. K., for I have some acquaintance with her myself, but I am sure that she will never do you any good at all. Now, dearest, I don't really believe you can find another widow that will be foolish enough to answer your advertisement and will marry you to save your soul, but me!

Well I will have to close this letter as it has lengthened beyond my expectations. I would like to say a good word to all as I was a Kentucky girl myself. I must close as the editor is just ready to throw this in the waste basket, but I hope not.

To the editor: If this escapes the waste basket I may come again—I think I am welcome. I would be glad if I could meet all my friends at the Fair. Good wishes to all, and especially Mr. Lockhart. Excuse simpleness.

Yours lovingly,
M. O. FOOL.

More Winter.

The weather continues cold, and fires yet feel comfortable, and some fears still exist that the gardens may yet get nipped by frost.

It will be remembered that ten years ago last night a heavy snow fell throughout the State, and on the morning of May 20, just ten years ago to-day, the ground was covered to a depth of several inches with the beautiful. We forget those things, and may have recently said, "We never saw it so cold for the time of year."

BROTHER MYERS
WILL PREACH AT
THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
NEXT SUNDAY.

ENCAMPMENT.

The branch Encampment of Odd Fellowship was instituted in Masonic Hall here last Monday night by R. G. Elliott, of Lexington, Grand Secretary; Senator Cox, of Maysville, and Mr. Williams, Superintendent of the Odd Fellows Widows and Orphans Home at Lexington, aided by a number of Odd Fellows from Pineville, Middlesboro, North Jellico, Corbin and other places.

The Encampment starts with sixteen members at this place, and has a bright future. If it grows as rapidly as the Subordinate branch of Odd Fellowship has in Knox county, it will not be long until its influence will be felt.

Encampment degrees were conferred on the following gentlemen: J. D. Tuggle, J. G. Matthews, G. M. Hignite, W. W. Byrley, G. A. Smith, Charles Davis, W. R. Parker, A. W. Hopper, Mr. Gray and J. M. Robison.

There were already quite a number of members living here, among them are Dr. J. R. Smyth, John Parker, H. W. Bowman, J. R. Hays, F. D. Sampson, W. R. Gibson and I. L. Runyon.

State News.

The Court of Appeals has reversed the action of the Scott Circuit Court in striking out a part of the citizens from the city and establishes the boundary as it formerly stood.

Thos. Stetson was killed at Caseyville by Thomas Orr, who, it is alleged, struck him in the temple with an umbrella.

Kentucky Dentists have been in session in Louisville this week.

A 15-year-old daughter of William Withrow, while hunting for turkey eggs in a thorn grove near Knob Lick, in Bath county, fell and stuck a thorn an inch long in one of her eyes, penetrating the retina; the thorn remained in the eye for an hour before it was removed. The sight in that eye was destroyed.

Fred Klein caught a negro burglar in the residence of his father at Henderson, and fired several shots at him, failing to take effect, he gave chase, caught the burglar by the collar and succeeded in holding him until the police arrived.

Any kind of job printing in first-class workmanship promptly executed at this office.



THE EYES and their DEFECTS.

Nine-tenths of the headaches supposed to come from stomach trouble or neuralgia are caused by eye-straining.

Glasses should be worn as soon as the first indication of failing sight or eye-strain is noticed.

Owing to the great demand for properly fitted Glasses, we have decided to send the Assistant Manager of our OPTICAL DEPARTMENT,

Mr. R. N. RASMUSSEN,
to Barbourville, for 3 days only,
May 30, 31 and June 1st,
when he can be consulted at the
RIDDLE HOTEL.

We personally recommend Mr. Rasmussen to you and make the following offer: Any Glasses purchased from him which do not prove satisfactory after two weeks trial, may be returned and money will be refunded.

We believe our business reputation sufficient guarantee for the above statement.

Examination and Consultation FREE.
John C. Lewis Co.
Louisville, Ky.